

Wisconsin Hepatitis C Surveillance Summary

Cases Reported 01/01/2002 through 12/31/2002

Summary

Total	4,213	100%
Confirmed (1)	3,068	73%
Unconfirmed (2)	1,145	27%

Gender

Males	2,800	66%
Females	1,382	33%
Unknown	31	1%

Age

0-12	19	0%
13-19	26	1%
20-29	162	4%
30-39	812	19%
40-49	2,023	48%
50+	1,157	27%
Unknown	14	0%

Race

White	1,723	41%
Black	587	14%
Am Indian	42	1%
Asian	20	0%
Other	9	0%
Unknown	1,832	43%

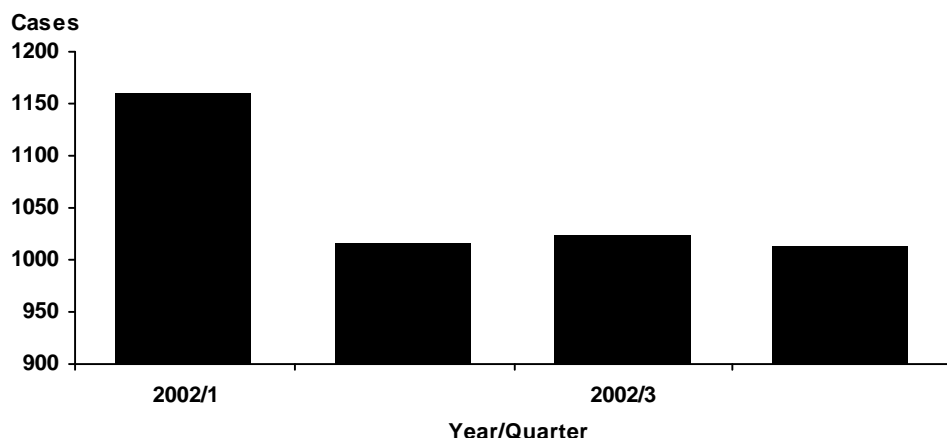
Ethnicity

Hispanic	118	3%
Not Hispanic	1,726	41%
Unknown	2,369	56%

Reported cases by county

Adams	19	Florence	1	Marathon	27	Rusk	8
Ashland	9	Fond Du Lac	38	Marinette	18	St Croix	22
Barron	10	Forest	3	Marquette	9	Sauk	25
Bayfield	6	Grant	7	Menominee	1	Sawyer	8
Brown	78	Green	6	Milwaukee	1323	Shawano	6
Buffalo	5	Green Lake	6	Monroe	39	Sheboygan	33
Burnett	12	Iowa	4	Oconto	6	Taylor	0
Calumet	10	Iron	7	Oneida	14	Trempealeau	12
Chippewa	13	Jackson	8	Outagamie	60	Vernon	7
Clark	6	Jefferson	28	Ozaukee	28	Vilas	15
Columbia	20	Juneau	14	Pepin	0	Walworth	62
Crawford	10	Kenosha	151	Pierce	9	Washburn	0
Dane	223	Kewaunee	6	Polk	25	Washington	42
Dodge	31	La Crosse	47	Portage	16	Waukesha	112
Door	9	Lafayette	3	Price	6	Waupaca	18
Douglas	36	Langlade	2	Racine	142	Waushara	14
Dunn	9	Lincoln	4	Richland	4	Winnebago	78
Eau Claire	37	Manitowoc	15	Rock	115	Wood	24
						Unknown	977

Reported cases by quarter



Footnotes:

(1) Confirmed: A positive recombinant immunoblot assay (RIBA) or polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result, a detectable viral load or identified genotype.

(2) Unconfirmed: A positive enzyme immunoassay test result and no other test result reported.

Technical Notes:

a. This report is compiled by the Wisconsin Hepatitis C Program and is based upon hepatitis C infection case reports submitted to the program by laboratories and local health departments (LHDs). Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a reportable communicable disease by Wisconsin administrative rule (HFS 145, Appendix A). Laboratories and health care providers should report HCV cases or suspected cases to the LHD within 72 hours of identification. Once the cases are reported, LHDs contact persons with HCV to provide health education, risk reduction counseling, and medical referral.

b. The majority of HCV cases reported to the Wisconsin Hepatitis C program are reported by laboratories. However, laboratories do not generally report demographic data such as region, race, or age. Thus, the surveillance summary data by demographic characteristics are often unknown.

c. Most of the HCV cases in the surveillance data represent chronic HCV cases of persons who were infected years ago. Persons with acute infection are often unaware that they have HCV because acute HCV often presents without symptoms.

For more information:

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